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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants herein submit this Reply to the Advisory Action dated November 16, 2009 in the above referenced patent application. Also included herein is a request for continued examination.

Concurrently, Applicants request a two-month extension of time to extend the time for response from November 16, 2009, the date of mailing of the Advisory Action, to January 16, 2010 and hereby authorize that the fees for a two-month extension of time be withdrawn from the deposit account identified in the "Conclusion" section of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.